

Heart-included

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If you take a risk, it can happen that one day becomes six years. It can also happen that the definition of home shifts to another dimension. That your entire idea about life and about its evolution becomes something else. Growing, aging is always a good excuse, everything can be explained by referring to time. Time does not solve anything, our genuine ideas about love and life and about how to be, our value systems don't change that much. But when circumstances change, our special talent of adapting takes over. Six years later you stand in another studio, in another building, in the same city, more or less with the same people, communicating through the same language: dance. In these studios it never matters if one is black or white or young or old, a woman or a man, or half way in between those two. It never matters what the percentage of gays, queers, heterosexuals is. Although these people touch each other, breathe together and swim in each other's sweat. They are close to each other, sometimes too close. There is no place for hate or discrimination, it is impossible. When it happens, it destroys everything around instantly. There are no computers or papers to hide behind, no offices to close yourself into. Just a common space where things have to get done. However, there is always a 5-minute-long toilet break where you can trigger all the stuck tension. Don't worry, it is possible to learn how to pee while crying and shouting inside at the same time, how to take a deep breath and go on with all the rest. It must be useful for the future as well, when parenthood comes and patience is missing, I imagine something similar. Professionalism requires some instant drama behind the doors. Yet, if you ask me, it is always better to follow the 'make peace, not war' cliché. Touching sweaty bodies is one thing. But touching angry, upset, tensed, nerveous, unconcentrated sweaty bodies is the real nightmare. Then better to call that 5-minute-toilet break.

After seeing all kinds of difference for six years, certain perceptions shift. Seeing otherness on a daily level, using it for good becomes the most natural thing on earth. While people live, create, work, make business together like this almost all over the world,

democracy and liberty seems to fall back into some dark, blurry memories of history from the childhoods of our mothers and grandmothers. Today is the 8th of June, 2018. Robotics is taking over our world, information is more available than ever before, meanwhile it is still legal to kill some endangered species if you have enough money to pay for your little primitive game. Trump stands next to anti-abortion while Orbán is transporting foreigners to Hungary only for the day of the election. It is all legal. It is made to be legal. No direct consequences. Quite contradictory on so many levels. We are trashing this planet, our bodies and minds. While human beings –officially - are the most intelligent beings on Earth...

So many eyes see the truth – or at least they are eager to see – yet, that is where we are. It is a perfect question: why? How? What is next? How to contribute to this whole thing? Let's not underrate the value of doubting. It is valid to question in order to stay normal, to live normal. It is exhausting. We made it exhausting, technology and greediness made it exhausting. 10 minutes of shopping food becomes half an hour because of reading the ingredients. While little robots are making photos of the Mars. As I said. We adapt. The biggest problem is the disconnection between that clever brain and the human heart. It is the most banal equation. If there is a disconnection, we will make really bad decisions.

These people who perform here tonight became artists because they see things through a slightly more colourful, through a slightly more beautiful filter. What is more, they had a wish once to share it with others and they stayed truthful to that idea. They are neither blind, nor dreamy, quite the opposite! In my eyes they are all extraordinary, because they produce something through their true human potential. Creating through this connection between knowledge and heart, which is love and compassion. Please, appreciate them very much!

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